

SB 639 -- LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT

SPONSOR: Riddle (Walker)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Pensions by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill allows a political subdivision that has a retirement plan similar to the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LAGERS) to enter into an agreement with LAGERS to assume all duties and responsibilities of operating the political subdivision's prior plan if it is a current employer in LAGERS or will become a member employer in LAGERS.

The employer's prior plan will be a frozen plan administered by LAGERS.

This bill is similar to HB 494 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will allow political subdivisions to get out of the pension business, save money, and allow the Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LAGERS) to assume all duties and responsibilities of operating the employer's prior retirement plan because it has the expertise. This plan is voluntary and the political subdivision and LAGERS both have to be in agreement if this is to take place.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Riddle; Norm Robinson, Jefferson City Firefighters Pension Plan; Keith Hughes, LAGERS; Richard Wiles & Associates; Missouri Council Of Fire Fighters; and Tom Rackers.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.